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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: QRP-L digest 3034

QRP-L Digest 3034

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by Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>
- 21) [157349] Just got my new (QRP) rig - nice!  
by "David Fifield" <dave@redhotradio.com>
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- 26) [157354] Other Groups, other mailing lists  
by "Tom Bowman" <wa3rey@comcast.net>
- 27) [157355] OPS: County Hunters - Morgan County, KY  
by "w8diz" <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>
- 28) [157356] Re: SW-XX+ Building Contest  
by "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>
- 29) [157357] 2003 QRP Afield  
by Chuck Ludinsky <cjl@mitre.org>
- 30) [157358] Re: SW-XX+ Building Contest  
by John Zaruba <jzaruba@mac.com>
- 31) [157359] Building Contest  
by "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
- 32) [157360] FS: EPIPHYTE III unbuilt kit  
by "Ron Pfeiffer" <n1zsw@hotmail.com>
- 33) [157361] OT: Antique Wireless Association  
by Garie Halstead K8KFJ <khyberpass65@yahoo.com>
- 34) [157362] Re: Island Pad Cutter - sort of...  
by Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>
- 35) [157363] Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
by Rob Matherly <w0jrm@arrl.net>
- 36) [157364] Broadband on Power Lines  
by "Karl" <kkanalz@gcecis.com>
- 37) [157365] New Member/Fresh SWL+40  
by ROGER MCCORMICK <ki8du1@yahoo.com>
- 38) [157366] Re: SW-XX+ Building Contest  
by Chuck Adams <k7qo@commspeed.net>
- 39) [157367] Coming Monday Evening ! ! !  
by "NR5A" <nr5a@rap.midco.net>
- 40) [157368] Re: Broadband on Power Lines  
by Jimmy Lee <jrllaudio@bellsouth.net>
- 41) [157369] Re: [CW] Pounding Brass  
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
- 42) [157370] Fw: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
by "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>
- 43) [157371] RE: Broadband on Power Lines

- by "Hare,Ed, W1RFI" <w1rfi@arrl.org>
- 44) [157372] New KSB2 F/W V1.08 - VOX Deley (0.2 sec.)  
by Eric Swartz WA6HHQ - Elecraft <eric@elecraft.com>
- 45) [157373] Re: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
by "M. J. Powell" <mike@pickmere.demon.co.uk>
- 46) [157374] Re: Coming Monday Evening ! ! !  
by "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>
- 47) [157375] Re: Broadband on Power Lines  
by William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
- 48) [157376] Re: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
by Rob Matherly <w0jrm@arrl.net>
- 49) [157377] Re: Help contacting Wilderness  
by David Toepfer <davetoepfer@yahoo.com>
- 50) [157378] FS: Kenwood DM-81 GDO  
by "Niels Kristjansson" <nkristja@telus.net>
- 51) [157379] Re: Other Groups, other mailing lists  
by David Toepfer <davetoepfer@yahoo.com>

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 16:15:30 -0700  
From: "Dave Martin" <k2zu@seanet.com>  
To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157329] Re: A MOXON IS UP....  
Message-ID: <000301c3733a\$70055180\$198c2640@davemartin>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

We're a bit more refined here in the Northwest. We call it antifreeze.  
Dave K2ZU

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 19:02:26 -0400  
From: "Michael Bower N4NMR" <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157330] RE: Kickapoo Joy Juice [Was Re: A MOXON IS UP....]  
Message-ID: <ODE0IKLMAJFGCNMOGAGIGEJFDIAA.bowerm@ix.netcom.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="Windows-1252"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

They were Losesome Polecat and Hairless Joe. (No, my memory didn't dredge that up. I did a google search.)

N4NMR

> -----Original Message-----

> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of

> Chris Trask

> Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2003 5:33 PM

> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

> Subject: Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice [Was Re: A MOXON IS UP....]

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> >I have to ask. What's kick-a-poo juice?

> >

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> Kickapoo Joy Juice was a concoction created in the comic strip "L'il  
> Abner" by a pair of Kickapoo Indians who were stikingly similar to the  
> French cartoon characters Asterix and Obelix (Norsemen fighting  
> the Romans).

> They would boil a large couldron of water and throw in all sorts  
> of things,

> the last of which was a typewriter which supposedly supplied all of the  
> vitamins from A to Z. I suspect that the stuff would probably etch glass.

>

> And yes, there still is a soda by that name. They  
> occasionally have it  
> at the coffee shop down the street.

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> >

> > However, I suspect Joel is referring to that wild concoction  
> > we used to make in college. 8^{) A little bit of this  
> > beverage plus a little bit of that beverage plus a little  
> > bit... well, you get the idea. Guaranteed to set you on  
> > your "donkey" in no time flat!

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> In the Air Force, we called that a "Hairy Buffalo" or a "Pink  
> Elephant".

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> Chris

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> / What's all this \ High Performance Mixers and  
> / extinct stuff, anyhow? / Amplifiers for RF Communications

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Chris Trask / N7ZWY  
Principal Engineer  
Sonoran Radio Research  
P.O. Box 25240

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 20:03:29 -0300  
From: "Laurie Landry" <[landr@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:landr@nbnet.nb.ca)>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <[qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU)>  
Subject: [157331] Re: Elmer 160  
Message-ID: <004901c37338\$c1809c60\$d228a50a@nbtel.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

Has the Elmer 160 tutoring started? With all the viruses and worms on the net, an important message could have been eaten alive!

Laurie, VE1AWJ

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 19:17:36 -0400  
From: Rick McKee <[kc8aon@juno.com](mailto:kc8aon@juno.com)>  
To: [qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU)  
Subject: [157332] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <20030904.191947.9342.1.kc8aon@juno.com>

But can you power a QRP rig from the stuff ?

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl  
SW 40+, SW-20+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,  
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I'll give up CW when I'm dead !    MAYBE !

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 01:32:26 +0200  
From: "Sverre Holm" <la3za@qsl.net>  
To: "'Chris Trask'" <chistrask@earthlink.net>,  
      "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157333] RE: Kickapoo Joy Juice [Was Re: A MOXON IS UP....]  
Message-ID: <000301c3733c\$cd421d40\$8e00a8c0@Master>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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              charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> -----Original Message-----  
> stikingly similar to the French cartoon characters Asterix  
> and Obelix (Norsemen fighting the Romans).

One can accuse my old ancestors for a lot of mischiefs, but let the  
French have Asterix and Obelix! They are Gauls - Northern French as I  
recall.

Sorry couldn't resist replying, my contribution here probably moves this  
off-topic thread even further off-topic ..... Obelix is definitely QRO  
with his super human power.

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73,  
Sverre

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Sverre Holm, LA3ZA  
[www.qsl.net/la3za](http://www.qsl.net/la3za)

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 16:32:03 -0700 (PDT)  
From: "Gene A. Williamson" <genewill@ordata.com>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157334] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <10020.207.189.187.10.1062718323.squirrel@apache.willamette.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

>I have to ask. What's kick-a-poo juice?

At the University of Oregon -- you know, the place Animal House was filmed -- we called the washtub filled with a bottle of this and a bottle of that "SPO dee OH dee." Boy, was it delicious. I think.

73 Gene N7YW  
CU in CQP from Modoc County, CA ... N7MQ/6

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Date: Thu, 04 Sep 2003 19:45:09 -0400  
From: Jim Eshleman <jce0@Lehigh.EDU>  
To: kc8aon@juno.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157335] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <3F57CE85.9020309@Lehigh.EDU>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Bet you could. Although this thread proves you can learn something new every day, it'd be nice to move on to a less QRO topic...

73  
Jim N3VXI

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Date: Thu, 04 Sep 2003 19:57:48 -0400  
From: "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu, kc8aon@juno.com, genewill@ordata.com,  
christrask@earthlink.net, w5yr@att.net, k3ph@ptd.net  
Subject: [157336] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <3F57993C.22703.65DED73@localhost>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT  
Content-description: Mail message body

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> new every day, it'd be nice to move on to a less QRO topic...  
> 73  
> Jim N3VXI

Shame on you people...humor is not allowed!

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Date: Tue, 4 Sep 2029 20:02:24 -0400  
From: Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>  
To: fpqrp-1@mpna.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157337] anyone on 7.044  
Message-ID: <20290904.200225.-253903.4.hamjoel@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey guys i'm still looking for my first cw contact with the moxon  
made ssb contact right off

kella joel  
in maine  
mainely stoned  
er froze solid... :-)

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Date: Thu, 04 Sep 2003 20:14:19 -0400  
From: Jim Eshleman <jce0@Lehigh.EDU>  
To: jsielke@pobox.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157338] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <3F57D55B.3000104@Lehigh.EDU>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed



Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

John Sielke wrote:

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 18:33:03 -0700  
From: "Dave Martin" <k2zu@seanet.com>  
To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157339] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <000301c3734d\$a738cf20\$1a8c2640@davemartin>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'll bet you can power a whole town with it.  
Dave K2ZU

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Date: Tue, 4 Sep 2029 21:20:37 -0400  
From: Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>  
To: fpqrp-l@mpna.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157340] about the Moxon project...  
Message-ID: <20290904.212313.-253903.2.hamjoel@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yea Martha it started out raining today...  
but when the watter settled ah went outside and climed a bit of a hill to  
got to my ropes so ah could let down the existing antenna and put up the  
Moxon..

darned if ah didn't slip and slide across the driveway... which was  
fun... however it drops about 25 ft at about 45\* on the other side of the  
driveway... and down ah went.... mud flying.... fortunately thair is this  
big rock coming out the hill about 5 feet above the highway and it  
stopped my slide....brused a few things but broke nuttin... kinda layed  
thair like a dead crab, what be on its back, for a while.. then mama

brought me some "juice".... love that woman meaux and meaux, i tell u...  
ah slid off the rock and walked back up the driveway and hooked up the  
new antenna to the ropes... I used a moxon generator for the diminsion  
for 7.04 mhz and was surprised to see the "overall" dimensions were  
almost the same as ah was using for my beam antennas....amazing....  
the ant went together smoothly and all I used was rope and tape and  
some old "beam" wires what were the overall right length... and yes I'm  
feeding it with 300 ohm twinlead, foam filled stuff....from radio  
shack...and got the wires some 30+ feet off the ground...  
tomorrow I hopes to put up another one about 6ft away from this one  
and pointed towards europe...then i've got to check and see where I can  
slide in a couple for 30 and twenty meters....  
that's about it for now... till ah saw u some meaux...

ke1la joel  
in maine  
making cw qso's on the new ant  
and freezin...

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 21:30:23 -0400  
From: "John Paul Keon" <jpkeon@nc.rr.com>  
To: <jsielke@pobox.com>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157341] Re: Word Blank at beginning of my messges.  
Message-ID: <010701c3734d\$47979ba0\$6401a8c0@nc.rr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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I went in under the Tools and got it changed out.  
All I had to do was uncheck that one item and it is  
gone. Thanks for the help guys.  
I did not see it, but you did.

John Paul, Raleigh, NC [AB4PP]//NNN UTV  
<http://www.knightlites.org>  
"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where  
we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."  
----- Original Message -----  
From: "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2003 9:08 AM  
Subject: Re: Word Blank at beginning of my messges.

> This is a feature Microsoft wrote into Outlook Express and your  
> expected to love it John.  
> On Tue, 2 Sep 2003, John Paul Keon wrote:  
> > BlankA query has been put to me that I have no answer for.  
> > Does anyone out there know why my messages start with

Wow, now that's really helpful!

John, it has been a long time since I used Outlook, but I remember having to uncheck the "Stationary" selection. I believe it is under "Tools" or "Options" in the menu.

Good Luck,

John W2AGN

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 21:51:59 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <k2zu@seanet.com>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157342] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <009501c37350\$4d105600\$0200a8c0@charter.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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charset="iso-8859-1"  
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> I'll bet you can power a whole town with it.  
> Dave K2ZU  
>

I don't think you can power a WHOLE town with it! But you sure can get the whole town so it doesn't care if it has power or not!

Mike

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 21:39:36 -0400  
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157343] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <20030904.214924.9198.2.kc8aon@juno.com>

I'm sorry folks for including humor in my post. Please forget what I said, and please don't laugh at it ! CUZ IT AIN'T ALLOWED !

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl  
SW 40+, SW-20+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,  
Homebrew 6V6 tube TX & Hallicrafters SW500 RX  
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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 21:44:07 -0400  
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>  
To: jce0@Lehigh.EDU, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157344] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice  
Message-ID: <20030904.214924.9198.3.kc8aon@juno.com>

Hey ! I didn't take that as being sarcastic ! I just thought he was on the juice !

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl

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Date: Thu, 04 Sep 2003 22:01:15 -0400  
From: Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>  
To: hamjoel@juno.com,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157345] Re: A MOXON IS UP....  
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20030904220001.01db10e0@pop3.norton.antivirus>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 01:51 PM 09/04/2029 -0400, Joel M Denison wrote:  
<snip>

Hi, Joel--

Please check your PC's clock setting-- it's off by several years (see above).

73--

Brad AA1IP

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 21:04:53 -0500  
From: "Tim KD5CKP" <kd5ckp@centurytel.net>  
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Cc: <hamjoel@juno.com>  
Subject: [157346] Re: about the Moxon project...  
Message-ID: <014c01c37352\$19750dc0\$0101a8c0@tech1>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Whar di ya find that thar genareyter at? Ima needin wun fer thirty meters  
an' thar 'bout fer MARS callin'.  
an' ya ortta come on back down thisa way an' ya wont be freezin lyk that all  
da time.

Tim KD5CKP

----- Original Message -----

>... I used a moxon generator for the diminsion  
> for 7.04 mhz and was surprised to see the "overall" dimensions were  
> almost the same as ah was using for my beam antennas....amazing....

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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 03:12:31 +0100  
From: Chuck Adams <k7qo@commspeed.net>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, dave@smallwonderlabs.com  
Subject: [157347] SW-XX+ Building Contest  
Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.0.20030904233120.00b22560@mail.commspeed.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

SW-XX+ refers to SW-40+, SW-30+, and SW-20+ kits.

Gang,

I now have enough email showing interest in this project that it is a go.  
Also got email from Dave Benson saying kits were in stock and  
could be delivered in 7 days from arrival of order. \$55 and see his web page.  
When you order be sure to note that it is for the building contest.

<http://www.smallwonderlabs.com/>

So here is the deal.

1. Get a SW-XX+ kit for the band of your choice. Or be in possession of  
one already unbuilt. I can't imagine some one taking a working rig and

taking it apart to do this.....

2. Contest starts officially on September 17th, 2003. Runs for 30 days until October 17th, 2003. This gives you plenty of time to get the parts that you need before the start. You will need, if you don't already have it, some PC board material and some way to make pads. And all the other stuff for building using Manhattan techniques. Search the web for info if you need it.

3. You build up the complete SW-XX+ using Manhattan Style building techniques.

4. You take photographs of the project from start to finish. These you will send to me at the end of the contest for judging. No need to let the little rig out of your sight. All photos either digital originals or scanned in and digitized and all on a single CD.

I figure that because of the competition that during the contest the builder may not want to put the info online as work in progress, but at the deadline would be nice for the rest of QRP-L to see.

5. Awards given for first, second and third places. First place is two year sub to the AmQRP Homebrewer, second and third each get a single year subscription. Add on to any existing subs if you already have them.

I chose the SWL rig for this contest due to its low pricing and the fact that some already had the receiver completed in the sidekick kit from the Ft Smith group. I also wanted to use one rig to make judging simple as possible.

The rules are simple as I could make them. I and several other judges will determine the best and award the prizes. Winners to be announced on QRP-L by November 1, 2003. Hopefully the winners will allow photos to be printed in the Homebrewer and maybe we can get them to each write an article for same or the publication of their choice. QST? All of the above.

Judging done on layout, techniques, etc. Enclosures for extra bonus. Working is a plus also.

No commercial boards allowed. This must be homebrew only.... Thanks.

FYI

Chuck Adams K7QO  
<http://www.qsl.net/k7qo>

k7qo@commspeed.net  
CP-60

Moving to Arizona? Please bring your own water.

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 22:12:09 -0400  
From: Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>  
To: fpqrp-1@mpna.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157348] URL FOR MOXON GENERATOR  
Message-ID: <20030904.221209.-199959.0.hamjoel@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

<http://campus.murraystate.edu/org/msuarc/moxon/index.htm>

THAT'S WHARE i found it and it works fine..  
just fill in the blanks and geaux...

joel kella , thanks Dan  
hope this helps...

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 19:59:58 -0700  
From: "David Fifield" <dave@redhotradio.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157349] Just got my new (QRP) rig - nice!  
Message-ID: <003101c37359\$caea6b70\$0200a8c0@ad6a>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just took delivery of a new rig that I'm going to use QRP mostly (of course).  
It has very clean lines, great ergonomics and a receiver to die for.....I refer  
of course to the TenTec Orion. It's a thing of beauty and it sounds great!

72, Dave, AD6A



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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2003 22:45:11 -0500 (CDT)  
From: Dale Botkin <dale@botkin.org>  
To: Chris Trask <chistrask@earthlink.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157350] Re: Kickapoo Joy Juice [Was Re: A MOXON IS UP....]  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0309042243470.11277-1000000@madmax.botkin.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 4 Sep 2003, Chris Trask wrote:

> > However, I suspect Joel is referring to that wild concoction  
> > we used to make in college. 8^{} A little bit of this  
> > beverage plus a little bit of that beverage plus a little  
> > bit... well, you get the idea. Guaranteed to set you on  
> > your "donkey" in no time flat!  
> >  
>  
> In the Air Force, we called that a "Hairy Buffalo" or a "Pink Elephant".

In the little corner of the US Army where I learned to drink  
professionally (TDC/Camp Casey), we called it "Hunch Punch". No idea why,  
it was tradition there.

72,  
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It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.  
PicoKeyer is available for the Rock-Mite! <http://www.hamgadgets.com>

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Date: Thu, 04 Sep 2003 20:49:55 PDT  
From: James R Giammanco <n5ib@juno.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157351] Island Pad Cutter - sort of...  
Message-ID: <20030904.224430.4631.1.n5ib@juno.com>

I wanted to do a quick project trying out the "island cutting" derivative  
of Manhattan Construction, but I don't have an Island Pad Cutter (the  
NJ-QRP item). Yeah, I know, shoulda ordered one... but I didn't...

Well, had a brief chat with a machinist and he clued me in on one of his secrets.

I took a short #4 non-threaded aluminum spacer, about an inch long, and chucked it in the drill press. Set the speed for as fast as it would go.

Clamped a piece of PC board stock, on top of a little piece of MDF board as a backer, to the drill press table. Put a little dab of medium grinding/lapping compound (valve grinding compound from the auto parts store) on the business end of the spacer and lowered it (while spinning - of course) onto the PC board. Raised it up and down two or three times to let the compound reflow into the cutting area, and in about 10-15 seconds had a nice island cut out, with VERY smooth edges. A little soapy-water-and-a-toothbrush wash and it was ready for solder.

This is surely slower than the diamond end mill that NJ-QRP had, but it does work. And you can choose different sized spaces to make islands of different diameters. The machinist says he routinely does this, with a piece of copper tubing as the tool, to drill glass and ceramics.

The process does leave a little muddy, mucky, swampy looking patch on the board that you have to wash off. THEREFORE, I hereby christen this building style the "Louisiana construction" method, in honor of our finest swamps.

72

Jim N5IB

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Date: Thu, 04 Sep 2003 23:46:19 -0700  
From: James Bennett <jwbennett@sprintmail.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157352] New kit available soon.....  
Message-ID: <3F58313B.641DE3F2@sprintmail.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

All,

I will be announcing a new kit at the Norcal meeting on Sunday September 7.

Kits will be available for purchase at Norcal and an announcement will be made on QRP-1 and HFPack following the meeting with kit details, availability and ordering info.

Thanks  
James Bennett  
KA5DVS/6

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 06:17:27 -0400  
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>  
To: n5ib@juno.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157353] Re: Island Pad Cutter - sort of...  
Message-ID: <20030905.062059.9342.0.kc8aon@juno.com>

I use a 3" long piece of steel automotive brake line that is 5/16" in diameter ! Using a small triangular file, I cut teeth in one end like a miniature hole saw except without the pilot drill bit. Then just chuck it up in the drill press and have at it ! Use slow speed to make the teeth last longer before they need resharping.

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl  
SW 40+, SW-20+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,  
Homebrew 6V6 tube TX & Hallicrafters SW500 RX  
QRP-L #2112, FPqrp #33, AR QRP AmQRP  
I'll give up CW when I'm dead ! MAYBE !

On Thu, 04 Sep 2003 20:49:55 PDT James R Giammanco <n5ib@juno.com> writes:  
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>derivative  
>of Manhattan Construction, but I don't have an Island Pad Cutter (the  
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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 07:05:19 -0400  
From: "Tom Bowman" <[wa3rey@comcast.net](mailto:wa3rey@comcast.net)>  
To: <[qrp-1@lehigh.edu](mailto:qrp-1@lehigh.edu)>  
Subject: [157354] Other Groups, other mailing lists  
Message-ID: <001c01c3739d\$9851c020\$08415344@TOMS>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

There was a question on here last week about what other radio groups or lists people find helpful.

I've been getting lots of good information out of Yahoo Groups  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/>  
A search for "ham radio" turns up 533 groups  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/search?query=ham+radio&submit=Search>

The Yahoo groups vary in quality but the Amateur Repairs group is good, with solid info on fixing ham equipment and lots of posts. If you have an FT-817, read the FT-817 and the FT-817-Commander groups. For PSK-31, check out the MixW group and so on.

Yahoo displays an ad every five or six messages, but that's the cost of reading these "free" group. To prevent spam, the Amateur-Repairs group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Amateur-repairs/?yguid=125688600> makes new members prove they are hams or interested in the hobby before they are allowed to join as a way to cut down on the chances of bots hoovering the list for email addresses.

73,

Tom, WA3REY

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Tom Bowman, WA3REY, Mount Gretna, PA USA  
( All mail scanned by Norton 2002)

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 09:07:28 -0400  
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157355] OPS: County Hunters - Morgan County, KY  
Message-ID: <009201c373ae\$a8ddfc90\$b8cf1d41@cinci.rr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="Windows-1252"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang,

I have a schedule With Larry Cahoon to see if we can knock off Morgan County, tomorrow, Saturday at 9 AM EDT on 7,044 KHz and/or 9:10 AM EDT on 10,110 KHz. After my scheduled contact, I will be available for as long as I hear my call looking for Morgan County.

Don't want Larry to hog the county all for himself :)

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio  
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39:13:05N 84:18:18W  
RIG:multiPIG+ ANT:470 FT Horiz Loop <http://kitsandparts.com>

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 09:16:05 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
From: "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>  
To: <k7qo@commspeed.net>, <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157356] Re: SW-XX+ Building Contest  
Message-ID: <3F588C95.000004.01116@compaq1500>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: Text/Plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Chuck - =0D  
Two quick questions - is the 80 M version allowed for the contest, and are  
mods allowed or does it have to be exactly the kit supplied parts?=0D  
73/72 - Mike WA8BXN

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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 09:27:01 -0400  
From: Chuck Ludinsky <cjl@mitre.org>  
To: neqrp@jonal.net, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157357] 2003 QRP Afield  
Message-ID: <3F588F25.2657C177@mitre.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This year's QRP Afield is set for Saturday, 20 September 2003. Schedule

and rules for this year's contest are listed below, summarized in the September issue of QST, and are posted on the NE QRP web page at:

<http://www.qsl.net/wq1rp/>

or can be accessed directly at:

<http://www.qsl.net/wq1rp/qrpaf03r.htm>

This is probably the best time of year to get out in the field (certainly is here in the northeast) and spend part of the day operating QRP portable.

Hope to hear you all. And, please, let us all know where you're planning to go. Don't forget to take lots of photos.

72 DE K1CL,  
Chuck.

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Date: Saturday, 20 September 2003

Time: Best six hour contiguous period during 11:00 AM EDT to 11:00 PM EDT. You may work throughout the entire 12 hour period and select your best six hour period.

Exchange:

NE-QRP members: RST, S/P/C, NE-QRP#  
Non members: RST, S/P/C, Power

Bands and Modes:

160M, 80M, 40M, 20M, 15M, 10M.  
Any mode (CW, SSB, AM, PSK, etc.); all count the same.  
Only one contact per station per mode per band.

Standard QRP frequencies are recommended within each band (or generally accepted frequencies for those modes for which there are no specific QRP frequencies). But, please, let's spread out a little -- not everyone within a kilohertz of 14.060.

Scoring:

1 point per QRO (above 5 watts) contact from a permanent location.  
2 points per QRO contact from a field/mobile location.

5 points per QRP (5 watts or less) contact from a permanent location.

10 points per QRP contact from a field/mobile location.

All contacts must be made from single power/location category (i.e., the category is to remain the same once selected).

Plus: Count QSOs (once per band) with WQ1RP as THREE (3) contacts, subject to scoring above (e.g., a QRP field operator will score each legitimate WQ1RP contact as 30 points).

Final score will be the total number of contacts (including each WQ1RP contact counted as three) multiplied by the power/location category multiplied by the SPC multiplier (see below).

Multipliers: Each S/P/C worked counts for one multiplier point and can be counted only ONCE PER BAND.

Multi-Club Stations:

Will not be permitted. That is, simultaneous operation of multiple transmitters (on the same or different bands) under a single call sign is not permitted. However, multi-operators per club call is fine, with one transmitter in operation at a time.

Submission of Results:

Email your scoresheet with a copy of the contest log (noting the six hour period that you select for scoring) and (please) any comments/photos concerning your setup, location, experiences, etc., no later than 15 October, to: K1CL@arrl.net

or mail your entry to:

Chuck Ludinsky, K1CL,  
6 Pracing Rd,  
Chelmsford, MA 01824-1922

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QRP Afield 2003 - Summaries and Score Calculation



CALL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

QTH:

\_\_\_\_\_

BAND ----	Number QSOs * -----	Number SPCs -----
160M:	-----	-----
80M:	-----	-----
40M:	-----	-----
20M:	-----	-----
15M:	-----	-----
10M:	-----	-----

\_\_\_\_\_

(A) TOTAL NUMBER OF QSOs: \_\_\_\_\_

(B) TOTAL NUMBER OF SPCs: \_\_\_\_\_

(C) PWR/LOCATION MULTIPLIER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SCORE = A x B x C = \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Remember to count each WQ1RP contact as three QS0s

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 09:46:47 -0400  
From: John Zaruba <jzaruba@mac.com>  
To: k7qo@commspeed.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157358] Re: SW-XX+ Building Contest  
Message-ID: <651CADCE-DFA7-11D7-8D7F-00039367EFA0@mac.com>  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed  
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v552)  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Chuck & Everyone,

I just got an e-mail from Dave confirming my SW-30+ order. Count me in on the contest.

Gentlemen, start your soldering irons!

73,

John AA2BN

On Thursday, September 4, 2003, at 10:12 PM, Chuck Adams wrote:

>  
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> web page.  
> When you order be sure to note that it is for the building contest.  
>  
> <snip>

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 10:06:55 -0400  
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157359] Building Contest  
Message-ID: <002101c373b6\$f69f8f40\$53c6e742@megalink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've seen the evidence up close and personal and believe me, Mike is one  
formidable builder. For those who missed LOBSTERCON and need some of  
inspiration, examples of his handiwork can be seen spread out on a table there  
at:

<<http://www.wulfden.org/Lobstercon/LCON03/index.shtml>>

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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 10:33:31 -0400  
From: "Ron Pfeiffer" <n1zsw@hotmail.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157360] FS: EPIPHYTE III unbuilt kit  
Message-ID: <Law9-F108jUINQUZjye00038b2a@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

For sale is an unbuilt NORCAL EPIPHYTE III 75 meter SSB radio that puts out

10 watts. Asking \$120 shipped in CONUS.

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 07:29:17 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Garie Halstead K8KFJ <khyberpass65@yahoo.com>  
To: Low Power radio discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157361] OT: Antique Wireless Association  
Message-ID: <20030905142917.859.qmail@web80505.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Does anyone know if the Bruce Kelley Memorial 1929 QSO Party is still being held? If so, can you please email me this years date for the event? I believe it is normally held in November or December and may be a 80m only event.

Their webpage mentions the event but I can find no specific date.  
Please reply off list. Thanks.

72, Gary -K8KFJ-

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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 09:23:45 -0400  
From: Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>  
To: n5ib@juno.com,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157362] Re: Island Pad Cutter - sort of...  
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20030905091855.01a48980@pop3.norton.antivirus>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 08:49 PM 09/04/2003 -0700, James R Giammanco wrote:

<snip>

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<snip>

Hello--

Once in a while, a traveling tool show (Cummings?) passes through our area  
and sets up  
shop at a local Veteran' hall or other large space. Most of the tools are  
imported and  
probably not of heirloom quality. However, for a few dollars the company  
offers what's called  
an "automotive spot cutter", which consists of a miniature (approx.  
0.25-inch) hole saw  
with center pilot. this device works as a pad cutter when used in a drill  
press and with a light  
touch.

73--

Brad AA1IP

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 10:31:15 -0500  
From: Rob Matherly <w0jrm@arrl.net>  
To: fpqrp-l@fpqrp.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157363] Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
Message-ID: <200309051031.15368.w0jrm@arrl.net>  
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    charset="us-ascii"  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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<http://www.ojr.org/ojr/law/powell.php>

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72/73/oo - Rob, w0jrm

FPQrp -330; QRPp-I #19; WATPK #1

Are you a gun nut? [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gun\\_nut\\_hams](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gun_nut_hams)

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 11:00:38 -0500  
From: "Karl" <kkanalz@gcecis.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157364] Broadband on Power Lines  
Message-ID: <009001c373c6\$d9eafa00\$751a0ed0@HamShack>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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McKinney, Texas

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 09:05:13 -0700 (PDT)  
From: ROGER MCCORMICK <ki8du1@yahoo.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157365] New Member/Fresh SWL+40  
Message-ID: <20030905160513.69082.qmail@web11302.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hello All,

...and you too Rick. Finally got the time to power up the new project. Powered it up, made the (quick) necessary tweaks and answered to a CQ'r within minutes of peaking it out. He came back to me the first try. He was in Dayton, Tn. He couldn't't believe I was QRP (1.8 Watts). Our qso lasted about 40 mins. Am very impressed. Have up to this point made 3 qso's and all reports back are Rock Solid.... Looks like another, in the crystal ball. BTW, am awaiting the arrival of my Tick-4.

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Roger McCormick / KI8DU  
<http://www.qsl.net/ki8du>  
ki8du1@yahoo.com  
SWL+40 Christened 9/4/03  
Fists # 5378  
Qrp-L # 2506  
FP#-661  
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<http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>  
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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 17:09:08 +0100  
From: Chuck Adams <k7qo@commspeed.net>  
To: "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>, <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157366] Re: SW-XX+ Building Contest  
Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.0.20030905170829.01ce8210@mail.commspeed.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 09:16 AM 9/5/2003 -0400, Mike WA8BXN wrote:

>Chuck -

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>Two quick questions - is the 80 M version allowed for the contest, and are  
>mods allowed or does it have to be exactly the kit supplied parts?

>

>73/72 - Mike WA8BXN

Yes the 80M is allowed. I wasn't sure about that when I posted and forgot to include it.

Mods are allowed. Sounds like you already have yours built. :-)

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Chuck Adams K7QO k7qo@commspeed.net  
<http://www.qsl.net/k7qo> CP-60

Moving to Arizona? Please bring your own water.

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 10:13:38 -0600  
From: "NR5A" <nr5a@rap.midco.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157367] Coming Monday Evening ! ! !  
Message-ID: <011501c373c8\$aaaf1440\$3865dc18@jerry>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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charset="iso-8859-1"  
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If this gets posted twice sorry about that, I posted it earlier and don't see it!

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non member = 1 point

Multipliers: S/P/C total for all bands

more than 50 members worked = X 2

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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 13:10:17 -0400  
From: Jimmy Lee <jrllaudio@bellsouth.net>  
To: kkanalz@gcecisp.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [157368] Re: Broadband on Power Lines  
Message-ID: <3F58C379.9672D8C1@bellsouth.net>  
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Karl,

Thanks for the information. These folks are serious about this BPL stuff. The profit motive will blind some.

Jimmy, AE4DT

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 12:49:42 -0500  
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>  
To: "Alan W." <n5l1f@qsl.net>, <cw@mailman.qth.net>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Cc: <radio@obsd.com>  
Subject: [157369] Re: [CW] Pounding Brass  
Message-ID: <004001c373d6\$19daa160\$0401a8c0@PS>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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Way to go, Alan!

The goosebumps are a lot bigger, though, when you are running only 5 watts or less and/or the other station is also.

About 4 years ago, I was tiring of the usual ham radio routine having exhausted the thrills of packet and then PSK31, SSTV, etc. Then I discovered QRP CW and a whole new universe of people equipment and activity.

As I begin my 58th year as a licensed amateur operator I can truthfully say that nothing in the past - big station DXing, mobile operation, SSB processing development, you name it - has provided as much excitement and sense of accomplishment, and the friendship of so many good people, as becoming active in the QRP world.

The real surprise is that the average QRP signal is NOT down in the noise and buried in QRM. Some give S9+ readings while others hardly move the S-meter but are completely and comfortably readable. One member of our competitive Fox Hunting team (not hidden transmitter hunting) routinely works all over the country with anywhere from 250 milliwatts to a rare 1 watt. Good antenna - sure.

"Try it - you'll like it!"

73/72, George  
Amateur Radio W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas  
Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13QE

"Starting the 58th year and it just keeps getting better!"  
w5yr@att.net

----- Original Message -----

From: "Alan W." <n5lf@qsl.net>  
To: <cw@mailman.qth.net>  
Cc: <radio@obsd.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 10:59 AM  
Subject: Re: [CW] Pounding Brass

> Way to go, Nicholas. I hope to hear you on the air one day soon, pounding  
> brass with the best of them!  
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> Even after 27 years, I still get goosebumps when a weak DX station comes  
> back to my callsign in Morse code.  
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> 73 OM ES dit dit,  
> Alan W. N5LF

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 14:00:47 -0400  
From: "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157370] Fw: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
Message-ID: <01ec01c373d7\$a2a60ce0\$6400a8c0@n3drk>  
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From: "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>  
To: <w0jrm@arrl.net>  
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 1:58 PM  
Subject: Re: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview

> I have no idea if it will do any good but i contacted the Greensboro and  
> Raleigh North Carolina offices of Senator John Edwards about the stance of  
> the FCC toward BPL. I plan on contacting others in governmental positions

> informing them about this proposal. There may very well be that these  
people  
> are not informed. I suggest others to do the same.  
> Is there anyone who is friends of Tom Ridge?  
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> 73's  
> john  
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> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Rob Matherly" <w0jrm@arrl.net>  
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
> Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 11:31 AM  
> Subject: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
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> > <http://www.ojr.org/ojr/law/powell.php>  
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> > 72/73/oo - Rob, w0jrm  
> > FPQrp -330; QRPp-I #19; WATPK #1  
> > Are you a gun nut? [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gun\\_nut\\_hams](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gun_nut_hams)  
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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 14:08:27 -0400  
From: "Hare,Ed, W1RFI" <w1rfi@arrl.org>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157371] RE: Broadband on Power Lines  
Message-ID: <721D3436A7C2B344A301FD4A413C71A9016F3C71@kosh.arrlhq.org>  
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Of real interest, the "hype" about interference discussed in this =  
article can be seen at:

<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/#video>

73,=20  
Ed Hare, W1RFI  
ARRL Lab  
225 Main St

Newington, CT 06111  
Tel: 860-594-0318  
Internet: w1rfi@arrl.org  
Web: <http://www.arrl.org/tis>

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> From: Karl [mailto:kkanalz@gcecispc.com]

> Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 12:01 PM

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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 11:32:52 -0700  
From: Eric Swartz WA6HHQ - Elecraft <eric@elecraft.com>  
To: Elecraft List <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>, QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157372] New KSB2 F/W V1.08 - VOX Deley (0.2 sec.)  
Message-ID: <3F58D6D4.5050402@elecraft.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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We have added a new VOX delay to the KSB2 SSB adapter firmware: 0.2 seconds for contest use.

All current KSB2s (and those shipped for about the past two weeks) are shipping with this firmware (Version 1.08).

You can check to see if you have this new delay by rotating though the SSB VOX delays on your K2. If you have the new firmware you will see 1.0, 0.4 and 0.2 second VOX delays.

If you wish to upgrade you can order the new KSB2 firmware on the Elecraft parts and mod kits order page at: [http://www.elecraft.com/order\\_form\\_parts.htm](http://www.elecraft.com/order_form_parts.htm)

Go to the firmware update section for the new KSB2 firmware.

73, Eric WA6HHQ

(This is -not- the new product announcement that is coming tonight :-)

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 19:29:17 +0100  
From: "M. J. Powell" <mike@pickmere.demon.co.uk>  
To: w0jrm@arrl.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157373] Re: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
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In message <200309051031.15368.w0jrm@arrl.net>, Rob Matherly <w0jrm@arrl.net> writes

><http://www.ojr.org/ojr/law/powell.php>

Not me!

Mike

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M.J.Powell

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Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2003 16:31:21 -0400  
From: "John Sielke" <[jsielke@pobox.com](mailto:jsielke@pobox.com)>  
To: [qrp-1@lehigh.edu](mailto:qrp-1@lehigh.edu)  
Subject: [157374] Re: Coming Monday Evening ! ! !  
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How come the Subject says "Monday Evening" then?

(speaking of UTC challenged.....

John W2AGN

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 14:33:26 -0600  
From: William R Colbert <[w5xe@juno.com](mailto:w5xe@juno.com)>  
To: [qrp-1@lehigh.edu](mailto:qrp-1@lehigh.edu)  
Subject: [157375] Re: Broadband on Power Lines  
Message-ID: <20030905.143330.-444427.5.w5xe@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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No Karl, we need to be reminded that it is a monster  
on the way.

Below is a url from the G-QRP list which is a pdf  
report on the PLC system in Crief - testing done  
late 2002 and the graphics present - to me - a terrible  
thing coming:

[http://www.radio.gov.uk/topics/research/topics/emc/edcrie\\_2.pdf](http://www.radio.gov.uk/topics/research/topics/emc/edcrie_2.pdf)

Ray

"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be  
changed regularly -- and for the same reason"

"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M SOC#78  
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To: "M. J. Powell" <mike@pickmere.demon.co.uk>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157376] Re: Interesting Micheal Powell Interview  
Message-ID: <200309051544.26130.w0jrm@arrl.net>  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Friday 05 September 2003 01:29 pm, M. J. Powell wrote:  
> In message <200309051031.15368.w0jrm@arrl.net>, Rob Matherly  
> <w0jrm@arrl.net> writes  
>  
> ><http://www.ojr.org/ojr/law/powell.php>  
>  
> Not me!  
>  
> Mike

lmao :^))

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72/73/oo - Rob, w0jrm  
FPQrp -330; QRPP-I #19; WATPK #1  
Are you a gun nut? [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gun\\_nut\\_hams](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gun_nut_hams)

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 14:27:07 -0700 (PDT)  
From: David Toepfer <davetoepfer@yahoo.com>

To: golson@ix.netcom.com,  
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157377] Re: Help contacting Wilderness  
Message-ID: <20030905212707.60526.qmail@web12812.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Funny, I've had the same problem. If you can get ahold of him I would appreciate a clue how you did it. tn timer 73 de KB3IPE

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--- Gregg Olson <golson@ix.netcom.com> wrote:  
> Hi to the group.  
>  
> I have been trying to get in Email contact with Bob at Wilderness. I want  
> to place an order for one of his products. However, using the email link on  
> the Wilderness site results in my messages being returned as  
> "undeliverable". I seem to remember a message a few weeks ago mentioning  
> that Bob was in the "move" mode. Can anyone give me some updated info on  
> how to contact Bob?  
>  
> Thanks and 73s  
> Gregg; W0MPR  
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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 15:39:27 -0600  
From: "Niels Kristjansson" <nkristja@telus.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157378] FS: Kenwood DM-81 GDO  
Message-ID: <001801c373f6\$2ec02800\$c089ad8e@ab.hsia.telus.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi gang,

Friend of mine is clearing his shack and has a  
DM-81 with all the accessories for sale.

Contact him direct at VE6DV@rac.ca

72 de Niels  
VA6NJ

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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2003 14:58:10 -0700 (PDT)  
From: David Toepfer <davetoepfer@yahoo.com>  
To: Tom Bowman <wa3rey@comcast.net>,  
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157379] Re: Other Groups, other mailing lists  
Message-ID: <20030905215810.13050.qmail@web12810.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

And if you search on "amateur radio" you get 1200+.

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--- Tom Bowman <wa3rey@comcast.net> wrote:  
> There was a question on here last week about what other radio groups or  
> lists people find helpful.  
>  
> I've been getting lots of good information out of Yahoo Groups  
> <http://groups.yahoo.com/>  
> A search for "ham radio" turns up 533 groups  
> <http://groups.yahoo.com/search?query=ham+radio&submit=Search>  
>  
> The Yahoo groups vary in quality but the Amateur Repairs group is good, with  
> solid info on fixing ham equipment and lots of posts. If you have an FT-817,  
> read the FT-817 and the FT-817-Commander groups. For PSK-31, check out the  
> MixW group and so on.  
>  
> Yahoo displays an ad every five or six messages, but that's the cost of  
> reading these "free" group. To prevent spam, the Amateur-Repairs group  
> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Amateur-repairs/?yguid=125688600> makes new  
> members prove they are hams or interested in the hobby before they are  
> allowed to join as a way to cut down on the chances of bots hoovering the  
> list for email addresses.  
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> 73,  
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> Tom, WA3REY  
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> -----  
> Tom Bowman, WA3REY, Mount Gretna, PA USA  
> ( All mail scanned by Norton 2002)  
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